IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 9 through 21 with the following amended paragraph.

--The input PDL is converted into band-coded representation in the band-coded representation forming unit 1401 and stored into the band code area 1402. If all the image information cannot be stored in the presecured band code area, the information is rendered by the rendering unit 1404 by band, and stored into the ban raster area 1403. The band raster area has a capacity for storing bitmap data for one band. In this example, the band raster area 1403 and the band code area ~~1401~~ 1402 are separately provided, however, both areas exist on the RAM 2010. If the band raster area 1403 requires a larger area, the band code area ~~1401~~ 1402 is reduced. This relation is the same in Fig. 16.--